

**[DISCUSSION DRAFT]**116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_To **[\_\_\_\_\_]**

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. TIPTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**To **[\_\_\_\_\_]**

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Colorado Recreation  
5       Enhancement and Conservation Act” or the “Colorado  
6       REC Act”.

7       **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

8       The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

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# 1       **TITLE I—SANGRE DE CRISTO** 2                   **WILDERNESS**

## 3   **SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This title may be cited as the “Sangre de Cristo Wil-  
5   derness Additions Act”.

## 6   **SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this title:

1           (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2           the Secretary of Agriculture.

3           (2) WILDERNESS ADDITION.—The term “wil-  
4           derness addition” means land added to the Sangre  
5           de Cristo Wilderness by the amendment made by  
6           section 103.

7   **SEC. 103. AMENDMENT TO COLORADO WILDERNESS ACT OF**  
8                                   **1993.**

9           Section 2(a)(10) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of  
10   1993 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) is  
11   amended by striking “1993,” and inserting “1993, and  
12   certain Federal land in the Rio Grande National Forest  
13   that comprises approximately 40,038 acres, as generally  
14   depicted as ‘Wilderness Additions’ on the map entitled  
15   ‘Overview of Map of Sangre de Cristo Additions’ and map  
16   revision date March 21, 2019 \ Version 4”.

17   **SEC. 104. MAP.**

18           (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the  
19   date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall file with  
20   the appropriate committees of Congress a map and legal  
21   description of the wilderness additions.

22           (b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal de-  
23   scription filed under subsection (a) shall be on file and  
24   available for public inspection in the office of the Chief  
25   of the Forest Service, the office of the Supervisor of the

1 Rio Grande National Forest, and the office of the Super-  
2 visor of the San Isabel National Forest.

3 (c) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal description  
4 filed under subsection (a) shall have the same force and  
5 effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary  
6 may correct typographical errors in the map and legal de-  
7 scription.

8 **SEC. 105. ADMINISTRATION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
10 the Secretary shall manage the wilderness additions in ac-  
11 cordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)  
12 and this title, except that, with respect to a wilderness  
13 addition, any reference in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
14 1131 et seq.) to the effective date of that Act shall be  
15 considered to be a reference to the date of enactment of  
16 this Act.

17 (b) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section  
19 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
20 1133(d)(1)), within the wilderness additions, the  
21 Secretary may take such measures as are nec-  
22 essary—

23 (A) to reduce the risk or extent of, or in-  
24 crease the resilience to, insect or disease infes-  
25 tation;

1 (B) to remove hazardous fuels; and

2 (C) for wildfire presuppression and sup-  
3 pression.

4 (2) USE OF MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT.—The  
5 measures taken under paragraph (1) may include  
6 mechanical thinning and other uses of mechanized  
7 equipment.

## 8 **TITLE II—SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS** 9 **RECREATION AND WILDERNESS**

### 10 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

11 This title may be cited as the “San Juan Mountains  
12 Recreation and Wilderness Act”.

### 13 **SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.**

14 In this title:

15 (1) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land”  
16 means—

17 (A) land designated as wilderness under  
18 paragraphs (27) through (29) of section 2(a) of  
19 the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 (16  
20 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) (as  
21 added by section 203); and

22 (B) a Special Management Area.

23 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
24 the Secretary of Agriculture.

1           (3) SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.—The term  
2       “Special Management Area” means each of—

3           (A) the Sheep Mountain Special Manage-  
4       ment Area designated by section 204(a)(1); and

5           (B) the Liberty Bell East Special Manage-  
6       ment Area designated by section 204(a)(2).

7       **SEC. 203. ADDITIONS TO NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESER-**  
8                               **VATION SYSTEM.**

9       Section 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993  
10   (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) is amended  
11   by adding at the end the following:

12           “(23) LIZARD HEAD WILDERNESS ADDITION.—  
13       Certain Federal land in the Grand Mesa,  
14       Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests com-  
15       prising approximately 3,042 acres, as generally de-  
16       picted on the map entitled ‘Proposed Wilson, Sun-  
17       shine, Black Face and San Bernardo Additions to  
18       the Lizard Head Wilderness’ and dated May 3,  
19       2019, which is incorporated in, and shall be adminis-  
20       tered as part of, the Lizard Head Wilderness.

21           “(24) MOUNT SNEFFELS WILDERNESS ADDI-  
22       TIONS.—

23           “(A) LIBERTY BELL AND LAST DOLLAR  
24       ADDITIONS.—Certain Federal land in the  
25       Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison Na-

1           tional Forests comprising approximately 7,126  
2           acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
3           ‘Proposed Liberty Bell and Last Dollar Addi-  
4           tions to the Mt. Sneffels Wilderness, Liberty  
5           Bell East Special Management Area’ and dated  
6           May 3, 2019, which is incorporated in, and  
7           shall be administered as part of, the Mount  
8           Sneffels Wilderness.

9           “(B) WHITEHOUSE ADDITIONS.—Certain  
10          Federal land in the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre,  
11          and Gunnison National Forests comprising ap-  
12          proximately 12,325 acres, as generally depicted  
13          on the map entitled ‘Proposed Whitehouse Ad-  
14          ditions to the Mt. Sneffels Wilderness’ and  
15          dated May 3, 2019, which is incorporated in,  
16          and shall be administered as part of, the Mount  
17          Sneffels Wilderness.

18          “(25) MCKENNA PEAK WILDERNESS.—Certain  
19          Federal land in the State of Colorado comprising ap-  
20          proximately 8,884 acres of Bureau of Land Manage-  
21          ment land, as generally depicted on the map entitled  
22          ‘Proposed McKenna Peak Wilderness Area’ and  
23          dated September 18, 2018, to be known as the  
24          ‘McKenna Peak Wilderness’.”.

1 **SEC. 204. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

2 (a) DESIGNATION.—

3 (1) SHEEP MOUNTAIN SPECIAL MANAGEMENT  
4 AREA.—The Federal land in the Grand Mesa,  
5 Uncompahgre, and Gunnison and San Juan Na-  
6 tional Forests in the State comprising approximately  
7 21,239 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-  
8 tled “Proposed Sheep Mountain Special Manage-  
9 ment Area” and dated May 3, 2019, is designated  
10 as the “Sheep Mountain Special Management Area”.

11 (2) LIBERTY BELL EAST SPECIAL MANAGE-  
12 MENT AREA.—The Federal land in the Grand Mesa,  
13 Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests in  
14 the State comprising approximately 714 acres, as  
15 generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed  
16 Liberty Bell and Last Dollar Additions to the Mt.  
17 Sneffels Wilderness, Liberty Bell East Special Man-  
18 agement Area” and dated May 3, 2019, is des-  
19 ignated as the “Liberty Bell East Special Manage-  
20 ment Area”.

21 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Special Manage-  
22 ment Areas is to conserve and protect for the benefit and  
23 enjoyment of present and future generations the geologi-  
24 cal, cultural, archaeological, paleontological, natural, sci-  
25 entific, recreational, wilderness, wildlife, riparian, histor-



1 ical, educational, and scenic resources of the Special Man-  
2 agement Areas.

3 (c) MANAGEMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage  
5 the Special Management Areas in a manner that—

6 (A) conserves, protects, and enhances the  
7 resources and values of the Special Manage-  
8 ment Areas described in subsection (b);

9 (B) subject to paragraph (3), maintains or  
10 improves the wilderness character of the Special  
11 Management Areas and the suitability of the  
12 Special Management Areas for potential inclu-  
13 sion in the National Wilderness Preservation  
14 System; and

15 (C) is in accordance with—

16 (i) the National Forest Management  
17 Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 et seq.);

18 (ii) this title; and

19 (iii) any other applicable laws.

20 (2) PROHIBITIONS.—The following shall be pro-  
21 hibited in the Special Management Areas:

22 (A) Permanent roads.

23 (B) Except as necessary to meet the min-  
24 imum requirements for the administration of  
25 the Federal land, to provide access for aban-

1           doned mine cleanup, and to protect public  
2           health and safety—

3                   (i) the use of motor vehicles, motor-  
4                   ized equipment, or mechanical transport  
5                   (other than as provided in paragraph (3));  
6                   and

7                   (ii) the establishment of temporary  
8                   roads.

9           (3) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—

10                   (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
11                   allow any activities (including helicopter access  
12                   for recreation and maintenance and the com-  
13                   petitive running event permitted since 1992)  
14                   that have been authorized by permit or license  
15                   as of the date of enactment of this Act to con-  
16                   tinue within the Special Management Areas,  
17                   subject to such terms and conditions as the  
18                   Secretary may require.

19                   (B) PERMITTING.—The designation of the  
20                   Special Management Areas by subsection (a)  
21                   shall not affect the issuance of permits relating  
22                   to the activities covered under subparagraph  
23                   (A) after the date of enactment of this Act.

24                   (C) BICYCLES.—The Secretary may permit  
25                   the use of bicycles in—

1 (i) the portion of the Sheep Mountain  
2 Special Management Area identified as  
3 “Ophir Valley Area” on the map entitled  
4 “Proposed Sheep Mountain Special Man-  
5 agement Area” and dated September 19,  
6 2018; and

7 (ii) the portion of the Liberty Bell  
8 East Special Management Area identified  
9 as “Liberty Bell Corridor” on the map en-  
10 titled “Proposed Liberty Bell and Last  
11 Dollar Additions to the Mt. Sneffels Wil-  
12 derness, Liberty Bell East Special Manage-  
13 ment Area” and dated September 6, 2018.

14 (D) WINTER OVER-SNOW MOTORIZED  
15 USE.—The Secretary shall allow winter over-  
16 snow motorized use within the Sheep Mountain  
17 Special Management Area designated under  
18 subsection (a)(1) in accordance with the  
19 Uncompahgre National Forest Travel Plan  
20 Record of Decision of the Forest Service, pub-  
21 lished March, 2002.

22 (d) APPLICABLE LAW.—Water and water rights in  
23 the Special Management Areas shall be administered in  
24 accordance with section 8 of the Colorado Wilderness Act

1 of 1993 (Public Law 103–77; 107 Stat. 762), except  
2 that—

3 (1) any reference contained in that section to  
4 “the lands designated as wilderness by this Act”,  
5 “the Piedra, Roubideau, and Tabeguache areas iden-  
6 tified in section 9 of this Act, or the Bowen Gulch  
7 Protection Area or the Fossil Ridge Recreation Man-  
8 agement Area identified in sections 5 and 6 of this  
9 Act”, or “the areas described in sections 2, 5, 6, and  
10 9 of this Act” shall be considered to be a reference  
11 to “the Special Management Areas”; and

12 (2) any reference contained in that section to  
13 “this Act” shall be considered to be a reference to  
14 “the San Juan Mountains Recreation and Wilder-  
15 ness Act”.

16 **SEC. 205. RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.**

17 (a) DOMINGUEZ CANYON WILDERNESS STUDY  
18 AREA.—Subtitle E of title II of Public Law 111–11 is  
19 amended—

20 (1) by redesignating section 2408 (16 U.S.C.  
21 460zzz–7) as section 2409; and

22 (2) by inserting after section 2407 (16 U.S.C.  
23 460zzz–6) the following:

1   **“SEC. 2408. RELEASE.**

2           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Congress finds that, for the pur-  
3 poses of section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and  
4 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)), the por-  
5 tions of the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Study Area  
6 not designated as wilderness by this subtitle have been  
7 adequately studied for wilderness designation.

8           “(b) RELEASE.—Any public land referred to in sub-  
9 section (a) that is not designated as wilderness by this  
10 subtitle—

11           “(1) is no longer subject to section 603(c) of  
12 the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of  
13 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

14           “(2) shall be managed in accordance with this  
15 subtitle and any other applicable laws.”.

16   (b) MCKENNA PEAK WILDERNESS STUDY AREA.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress finds that, for the  
18 purposes of section 603(c) of the Federal Land Pol-  
19 icy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
20 1782(c)), the portions of the McKenna Peak Wilder-  
21 ness Study Area in San Miguel County in the State  
22 not designated as wilderness by paragraph (29) of  
23 section 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993  
24 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) (as  
25 added by section 203) have been adequately studied  
26 for wilderness designation.

1           (2) RELEASE.—Any public land referred to in  
2       paragraph (1) that is not designated as wilderness  
3       by paragraph (29) of section 2(a) of the Colorado  
4       Wilderness Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Pub-  
5       lic Law 103–77) (as added by section 203)—

6           (A) is no longer subject to section 603(c)  
7       of the Federal Land Policy and Management  
8       Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

9           (B) shall be managed in accordance with  
10      applicable laws.

11   **SEC. 206. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

12       (a) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this title af-  
13      fects the jurisdiction or responsibility of the State with  
14      respect to fish and wildlife in the State.

15       (b) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

16           (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title estab-  
17      lishes a protective perimeter or buffer zone around  
18      covered land.

19           (2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILDERNESS.—The  
20      fact that a nonwilderness activity or use on land out-  
21      side of the covered land can be seen or heard from  
22      within covered land shall not preclude the activity or  
23      use outside the boundary of the covered land.

24       (c) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
2           the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary or  
3           the Secretary of the Interior, as appropriate, shall  
4           file a map and a legal description of each wilderness  
5           area designated by paragraphs (27) through (29) of  
6           section 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993  
7           (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) (as  
8           added by section 203) and the Special Management  
9           Areas with—

10                   (A) the Committee on Natural Resources  
11                   of the House of Representatives; and

12                   (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural  
13                   Resources of the Senate.

14           (2) FORCE OF LAW.—Each map and legal de-  
15           scription filed under paragraph (1) shall have the  
16           same force and effect as if included in this title, ex-  
17           cept that the Secretary or the Secretary of the Inte-  
18           rior, as appropriate, may correct any typographical  
19           errors in the maps and legal descriptions.

20           (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map and  
21           legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be  
22           on file and available for public inspection in the ap-  
23           propriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management  
24           and the Forest Service.

25           (d) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary or the Sec-  
2       retary of the Interior, as appropriate, may acquire  
3       any land or interest in land within the boundaries of  
4       a Special Management Area or the wilderness des-  
5       ignated under paragraphs (27) through (29) of sec-  
6       tion 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993  
7       (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) (as  
8       added by section 203) only through exchange, dona-  
9       tion, or purchase from a willing seller.

10          (2) MANAGEMENT.—Any land or interest in  
11       land acquired under paragraph (1) shall be incor-  
12       porated into, and administered as a part of, the wil-  
13       derness or Special Management Area in which the  
14       land or interest in land is located.

15          (e) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock on covered  
16       land, if established before the date of enactment of this  
17       Act, shall be permitted to continue subject to such reason-  
18       able regulations as are considered to be necessary by the  
19       Secretary with jurisdiction over the covered land, in ac-  
20       cordance with—

21               (1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16  
22       U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)); and

23               (2) the applicable guidelines set forth in Appen-  
24       dix A of the report of the Committee on Interior and  
25       Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives ac-



1        accompanying H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress (H.  
2        Rept. 101–405) or H.R. 5487 of the 96th Congress  
3        (H. Rept. 96–617).

4        (f) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.—In accordance  
5        with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
6        1133(d)(1)), the Secretary with jurisdiction over a wilder-  
7        ness area designated by paragraphs (27) through (29) of  
8        section 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 (16  
9        U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) (as added by sec-  
10       tion 203) may carry out any activity in the wilderness area  
11       that the Secretary determines to be necessary for the con-  
12       trol of fire, insects, and diseases, subject to such terms  
13       and conditions as the Secretary determines to be appro-  
14       priate.

15       (g) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid rights in exist-  
16       ence on the date of enactment of this Act, the covered  
17       land and the approximately 6,590 acres generally depicted  
18       on the map entitled “Proposed Naturita Canyon Mineral  
19       Withdrawal Area” and dated September 6, 2018, is with-  
20       drawn from—

21                (1) entry, appropriation, and disposal under the  
22       public land laws;

23                (2) location, entry, and patent under mining  
24       laws; and

1 (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral  
2 materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

3 **TITLE III—CURECANTI**  
4 **NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**

5 **SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

6 This title may be cited as the “Curecanti National  
7 Recreation Area Boundary Establishment Act”.

8 **SEC. 302. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

9 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

10 (1) since 1965, the Director of the National  
11 Park Service and the Commissioner of Reclamation  
12 have been comanaging the Curecanti National  
13 Recreation Area in accordance with agreements en-  
14 tered into by the Director of the National Park  
15 Service and the Commissioner of Reclamation;

16 (2) the Curecanti National Recreation Area has  
17 not been established by law;

18 (3) section 11 of the Black Canyon of the Gun-  
19 nison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National  
20 Conservation Act of 1999 (16 U.S.C. 410fff–9) di-  
21 rected the National Park Service to conduct a  
22 study—

23 (A) to assess the natural, cultural, rec-  
24 reational, and scenic resource value and char-

1           acter of the land within and surrounding the  
2           Curecanti National Recreation Area; and

3                 (B) to identify and recommend a variety of  
4           alternatives and tools to protect the resource  
5           values and the character of the land;

6           (4) the Director of the National Park Service,  
7   in cooperation with the Commissioner of Reclama-  
8   tion—

9                 (A) completed the Curecanti resource pro-  
10          tection study and environmental impact state-  
11          ment; and

12                (B) in October 2009, submitted to Con-  
13          gress a report recommending that Congress  
14          pass enabling legislation for the National Recre-  
15          ation Area that would provide for—

16                   (i) the conservation of the scenic, nat-  
17          ural, historic, archaeological, wildlife, and  
18          fishery resources of the area; and

19                   (ii) the management of the land,  
20          water, fish and wildlife, and recreational  
21          activities in the area in a manner con-  
22          sistent with the purposes of the Act of  
23          April 11, 1956 (commonly known as the  
24          “Colorado River Storage Project Act”) (43

1 U.S.C. 620 et seq.), and the Uncompahgre  
2 Valley Reclamation Project; and

3 (5) the Curecanti National Recreation Area has  
4 a significant impact on the local economy, as dem-  
5 onstrated by the 2016 report of the National Park  
6 Service indicating that 982,498 recreation visits to  
7 the Curecanti National Recreation Area contributed  
8 to \$49,014,400 in economic output and 565 jobs.

9 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are—

10 (1) to preserve the scenic, natural, historic, ar-  
11 chaeological, wildlife, and fishery values within the  
12 Curecanti National Recreation Area;

13 (2) to enhance the recreational opportunities  
14 within the Curecanti National Recreation Area;

15 (3) to maintain the ability of the [Commis-  
16 sioner of Reclamation] to fully meet the purposes of  
17 the Act of April 11, 1956 (commonly known as the  
18 “Colorado River Storage Project Act”) (43 U.S.C.  
19 620 et seq.), and the Uncompahgre Valley Reclama-  
20 tion Project; and

21 (4) to simplify and streamline the management  
22 of the Curecanti National Recreation Area.

23 **SEC. 303. DEFINITIONS.**

24 In this title:

1 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-  
2 titled “Curecanti National Recreation Area, Pro-  
3 posed Boundary”, numbered 616/100,485C, and  
4 dated August 11, 2016.

5 (2) NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.—The term  
6 “National Recreation Area” means the Curecanti  
7 National Recreation Area established by section  
8 304(a).

9 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
10 the Secretary of the Interior.

11 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
12 of Colorado.

13 **SEC. 304. CURECANTI NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, COLO-**  
14 **RADO.**

15 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF CURECANTI NATIONAL  
16 RECREATION AREA.—There is established the Curecanti  
17 National Recreation Area as a unit of the National Park  
18 System, consisting of approximately 50,667 acres of land  
19 in the State, as generally depicted on the map.

20 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be on file  
21 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-  
22 fices of the National Park Service.

1 **SEC. 305. ADMINISTRATION OF NATIONAL RECREATION**  
2 **AREA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer  
4 the National Recreation Area in accordance with—

5 (1) this title; and

6 (2) the laws (including regulations) generally  
7 applicable to units of the National Park System, in-  
8 cluding section 100101(a), chapter 1003, and sec-  
9 tions 100751(a), 100752, 100753, and 102101 of  
10 title 54, United States Code.

11 (b) DAM, POWERPLANT, AND RESERVOIR MANAGE-  
12 MENT AND OPERATIONS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this title affects  
14 or interferes with the authority of the Secretary—

15 (A) to operate the Uncompahgre Valley  
16 Reclamation Project under the reclamation  
17 laws;

18 (B) to operate the Wayne N. Aspinall Unit  
19 of the Colorado River Storage Project under the  
20 Act of April 11, 1956 (commonly known as the  
21 “Colorado River Storage Project Act”) (43  
22 U.S.C. 620 et seq.); or

23 (C) under the Federal Water Project  
24 Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460l–12 et seq.).

25 (2) RECLAMATION LAND.—

1 (A) SUBMISSION OF REQUEST TO RETAIN  
2 OWNERSHIP.—If, by the date that is 1 year  
3 after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
4 Commissioner of Reclamation submits to the  
5 Secretary a request for the Commissioner of  
6 Reclamation to retain ownership and manage-  
7 ment authority over the minimum quantity of  
8 land in the National Recreation Area that the  
9 Commissioner of Reclamation identifies as nec-  
10 essary for access to Bureau of Reclamation  
11 water facilities, the Secretary may—

12 (i) approve or disapprove the request;

13 and

14 (ii) if the request is approved under  
15 clause (i), make any modifications to the  
16 map that are necessary to reflect that the  
17 Commissioner of Reclamation has manage-  
18 ment authority over the minimum quantity  
19 of land required to fulfill the reclamation  
20 mission.

21 (B) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURIS-  
22 DICTION.—

23 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1  
24 year after the date of enactment of this  
25 Act, the Commissioner of Reclamation

1 shall transfer administrative jurisdiction  
2 over the land identified on the map as  
3 “Lands withdrawn or acquired for Bureau  
4 of Reclamation projects”, as modified  
5 under subparagraph (A)(ii), if applicable,  
6 to the Director of the National Park Serv-  
7 ice.

8 (ii) ACCESS TO TRANSFERRED  
9 LAND.—

10 (I) IN GENERAL.—The Commis-  
11 sioner of Reclamation shall retain un-  
12 restricted access to the land trans-  
13 ferred to the Director of the National  
14 Park Service under clause (i) for rec-  
15 lamation purposes, including for the  
16 operation, maintenance, and expan-  
17 sion or replacement of facilities.

18 (II) MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-  
19 STANDING.—The terms of the access  
20 authorized under subclause (I) shall  
21 be determined in accordance with a  
22 memorandum of understanding en-  
23 tered into between the Commissioner  
24 of Reclamation and the Director of  
25 the National Park Service not later



1                   than 1 year after the date of enact-  
2                   ment of this Act.

3       (c) MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter  
5       into management agreements, or modify manage-  
6       ment agreements in existence on the date of enact-  
7       ment of this Act, relating to the authority of the Di-  
8       rector of the National Park Service, the Commis-  
9       sioner of Reclamation, the Director of the Bureau of  
10      Land Management, or the Chief of the Forest Serv-  
11      ice to manage Federal land within, adjacent to, or  
12      near the boundary of the National Recreation Area.

13          (2) STATE LAND.—The Secretary may enter  
14      into cooperative management agreements for any  
15      land administered by the State that is within, adja-  
16      cent to, or near the National Recreation Area, in ac-  
17      cordance with the cooperative management authority  
18      under section 101703 of title 54, United States  
19      Code.

20      (d) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.—

21          (1) AUTHORIZATION.—Except as provided in  
22      paragraph (2), the Secretary shall allow boating,  
23      boating-related activities, hunting, fishing, motorized  
24      recreation, nonmotorized recreation, and any other

1 historical use in the National Recreation Area in ac-  
2 cordance with applicable Federal and State laws.

3 (2) CLOSURES; DESIGNATED ZONES.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting  
5 through the Superintendent of the National  
6 Recreation Area, may designate zones in which,  
7 and establish periods during which, no boating,  
8 hunting, fishing, motorized recreation, or non-  
9 motorized recreation shall be permitted in the  
10 National Recreation Area under paragraph (1)  
11 for reasons of public safety, administration, or  
12 compliance with applicable law.

13 (B) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—Except in  
14 the case of an emergency, any closure proposed  
15 by the Secretary under subparagraph (A) shall  
16 not take effect until after the date on which the  
17 Superintendent of the National Recreation Area  
18 consults with—

19 (i) the appropriate State agency re-  
20 sponsible for hunting and fishing activities;  
21 and

22 (ii) the Board of County Commis-  
23 sioners in each county in which the zone is  
24 proposed to be designated.

1 (e) LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE.—On the written re-  
2 quest of an individual that owns private land contiguous  
3 to the boundary of the National Recreation Area, for ac-  
4 quisition or non-acquisition purposes, the Secretary may  
5 work in partnership with the individual to enhance the  
6 long-term conservation of natural, cultural, recreational,  
7 and scenic resources in and around the National Recre-  
8 ation Area—

9 (1) by acquiring the portion of the private land  
10 or interests in private land located contiguous to the  
11 boundary of the National Recreation Area by pur-  
12 chase, exchange, or donation, in accordance with sec-  
13 tion 306;

14 (2) by providing technical assistance to the in-  
15 dividual, including cooperative assistance;

16 (3) through available grant programs; and

17 (4) through conservation easement opportuni-  
18 ties.

19 (f) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
20 all Federal land within the National Recreation Area is  
21 withdrawn from—

22 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal  
23 under the public land laws;

24 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
25 laws; and

1           (3) disposition under all laws relating to min-  
2       eral and geothermal leasing.

3       (g) GRAZING.—

4           (1) STATE LAND SUBJECT TO A STATE GRAZING  
5       LEASE.—

6           (A) IN GENERAL.—If State land acquired  
7       under this title is subject to a State grazing  
8       lease in effect on the date of acquisition, the  
9       Secretary shall allow the grazing to continue for  
10      the remainder of the term of the lease, subject  
11      to the related terms and conditions of user  
12      agreements, including permitted stocking rates,  
13      grazing fee levels, access rights, and ownership  
14      and use of range improvements.

15          (B) ACCESS.—A lessee of State land may  
16      use established routes within the National  
17      Recreation Area to access State land for pur-  
18      poses of administering the lease if the use was  
19      established before the date of enactment of this  
20      Act, subject to such reasonable terms and con-  
21      ditions as the Secretary may require.

22          (C) CONTINUATION OF PRIOR USE.—The  
23      Secretary shall, in accordance with applicable  
24      law, authorize grazing on land acquired from

1 the State under section 306, if grazing was es-  
2 tablished before the date of acquisition.

3 (2) PRIVATE LAND.—On private land acquired  
4 from a willing seller under section 306 for the Na-  
5 tional Recreation Area on which authorized grazing  
6 is occurring before the date of enactment of this  
7 Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the lessee,  
8 shall allow the continuation and renewal of grazing  
9 on the land based on the terms of negotiation of the  
10 individual land acquisition by the lessee on the date  
11 of acquisition, subject to applicable law (including  
12 regulations).

13 (3) FEDERAL LAND.—The Secretary shall—

14 (A) allow, consistent with the grazing  
15 leases, uses, and practices in effect as of the  
16 date of enactment of this Act, applicable law  
17 (including regulations), and the policies of ap-  
18 plicable Federal agencies, the continuation and  
19 renewal of grazing on Federal land located  
20 within the boundary of the National Recreation  
21 Area on which grazing is allowed before the  
22 date of enactment of this Act; and

23 (B) retain all authorities to manage graz-  
24 ing in the National Recreation Area.

1 (4) TERMINATION OF LEASES.—The Secretary  
2 may—

3 (A) accept the voluntary termination of a  
4 lease or permit for grazing; or

5 (B) in the case of a lease or permit va-  
6 cated for a period of 3 or more years, terminate  
7 the lease or permit.

8 (h) WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this title—

9 (1) constitutes an express or implied Federal  
10 reservation of any water or water rights with respect  
11 to the National Recreation Area;

12 (2) affects any conditional or absolute water  
13 rights in the State existing on the date of enactment  
14 of this Act, including any water right held by the  
15 United States; or

16 (3) limits, alters, modifies, or amends any inter-  
17 state water compact or equitable apportionment de-  
18 cree that—

19 (A) apportions water among and between  
20 the State and other States; and

21 (B) is in existence on the date of enact-  
22 ment of this Act.

23 **SEC. 306. ACQUISITION OF LAND; BOUNDARY MANAGE-**  
24 **MENT.**

25 (a) ACQUISITION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire  
2 land or interests in land within the boundary of the  
3 National Recreation Area.

4 (2) MANNER OF ACQUISITION.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
6 graph (B), land described in paragraph (1) may  
7 be acquired under this subsection by—

8 (i) donation;

9 (ii) purchase from willing sellers with  
10 donated or appropriated funds;

11 (iii) transfer from another Federal  
12 agency; or

13 (iv) exchange.

14 (B) STATE LAND.—Land or interests in  
15 land owned by the State or a political subdivi-  
16 sion of the State may only be acquired by dona-  
17 tion or exchange.

18 (b) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDIC-  
19 TION.—

20 (1) FOREST SERVICE LAND.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Administrative jurisdic-  
22 tion of the 915 acres of land identified on the  
23 map as “U.S. Forest Service proposed transfer  
24 to the National Park Service” is transferred to  
25 the Secretary, to be administered by the Direc-

1           tor of the National Park Service as part of the  
2           National Recreation Area.

3                   (B)     BOUNDARY     ADJUSTMENT.—The  
4           boundary of the Gunnison National Forest shall  
5           be adjusted to exclude the land transferred to  
6           the Secretary under subparagraph (A).

7                   (2) BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND.—  
8           Administrative jurisdiction over the approximately  
9           5,040 acres of land identified on the map as “Bu-  
10          reau of Land Management proposed transfer to Na-  
11          tional Park Service” is transferred from the Director  
12          of the Bureau of Land Management to the Director  
13          of the National Park Service, to be administered as  
14          part of the National Recreation Area.

15                   (3) WITHDRAWAL.—Administrative jurisdiction  
16          over the land identified on the map as “Proposed for  
17          transfer to the Bureau of Land Management, sub-  
18          ject to the revocation of Bureau of Reclamation  
19          withdrawal” shall be transferred to the Director of  
20          the Bureau of Land Management on relinquishment  
21          of the land by the Bureau of Reclamation and rev-  
22          ocation by the Bureau of Land Management of the  
23          withdrawal.

24                   (c) POTENTIAL LAND EXCHANGE.—



1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The withdrawal of land  
2       identified on the map as “Potential exchange lands”  
3       shall be relinquished by the Commissioner of Rec-  
4       lamation and revoked by the Director of Bureau of  
5       Land Management and the land shall be transferred  
6       to the National Park Service.

7           (2) EXCHANGE; INCLUSION IN THE NATIONAL  
8       RECREATION AREA.—On transfer of the land de-  
9       scribed in paragraph (1), the transferred land—

10           (A) may be exchanged by the Secretary for  
11       the private land described in section 305(e)—

12           (i) subject to a conservation easement  
13       remaining on the transferred land, to pro-  
14       tect the scenic resources of the transferred  
15       land; and

16           (ii) in accordance with the laws (in-  
17       cluding regulations) and policies governing  
18       National Park Service land exchanges; and

19           (B) if not exchanged under subparagraph  
20       (A), shall be included in the boundary of the  
21       National Recreation Area.

22       (d) ADDITION TO NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.—  
23   Any land within the boundary of the National Recreation  
24   Area that is acquired by the United States shall be added  
25   to the National Recreation Area.

1 **SEC. 307. GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

2 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment  
3 of this Act, the Director of the National Park Service, in  
4 consultation with the Commissioner of Reclamation, shall  
5 prepare a general management plan for the National  
6 Recreation Area in accordance with section 100502 of title  
7 54, United States Code.

8 **SEC. 308. BOUNDARY SURVEY.**

9 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment  
10 of this Act, the Secretary (acting through the Director of  
11 the National Park Service) shall prepare a boundary sur-  
12 vey and legal description of the National Recreation Area.

13 **TITLE IV—COLORADO LAND**  
14 **MANAGEMENT AND RECRE-**  
15 **ATION**

16 **Subtitle A—North Sand Hills**  
17 **Instant Study Area Release**

18 **SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.**

19 This subtitle may be cited as the “North Sand Hills  
20 Instant Study Area Release Act”.

21 **SEC. 402. RELEASE OF NORTH SAND HILLS INSTANT STUDY**  
22 **AREA.**

23 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

24 (1) The Federal lands in the North Sand Hills  
25 Instant Study Area in Jackson County, Colorado,  
26 have been adequately studied for wilderness designa-

tion and for the purposes of section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)).

(2) In 1980, the Bureau of Land Management found that the North Sand Hills Instant Study Area did not meet wilderness criteria.

(3) In 2011, the Bureau of Land Management Colorado Northwest Resource Advisory Council Resolution 2011–01 supported the release of the North Sand Hills Instant Study Area from further consideration of wilderness designation.

(b) RELEASE.—The Federal land in the North Sand Hills Instant Study Area—

(1) is no longer subject to section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

(2) shall be managed according to the applicable land use plan adopted under section 202 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 1712).

## **Subtitle B—Montezuma Dolores WSA Release**

### **SEC. 411. RELEASE OF CERTAIN WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS IN THE STATE OF COLORADO.**

(a) FINDING.—Each wilderness study area, or portion thereof described in subsection (b) is deemed to have

1 been adequately studied for wilderness designation pursu-  
2 ant to section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-  
3 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782) and shall not be  
4 subject to the requirements of subsection (c) of such sec-  
5 tion.

6 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in  
7 subsection (a) is the portion of land determined by the  
8 Bureau of Land Management to be unsuitable for wilder-  
9 ness designation in each of the following areas:

10 (1) The approximately 6,303 acres of land com-  
11 prising the Weber Mountain Wilderness Study Area.

12 (2) The approximately 7,089 acres of land com-  
13 prising the Menefee Mountain Wilderness Study  
14 Area.

15 (3) The approximately 8,960 acres of land com-  
16 prising the Cahone Canyon Wilderness Study Area.

17 (4) The approximately 11,580 acres of land  
18 comprising the Cross Canyon Wilderness Study  
19 Area.

20 (5) The approximately 4,611 acres of land com-  
21 prising the portion of the Squaw and Papoose Can-  
22 yon Wilderness Study area located in Colorado.

23 (c) MANAGEMENT OF RELEASED LAND.—Any wil-  
24 derness study area, or portion thereof, released under sub-  
25 section (a) shall be managed in accordance with land man-

1 agement plans adopted under section 202 of the Federal  
2 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
3 1712).

4 **TITLE V—YUCCA HOUSE NA-**  
5 **TIONAL MONUMENT BOUND-**  
6 **ARY REVISION**

7 **SEC. 501. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LANDS FOR YUCCA**  
8 **HOUSE NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

9 (a) ACQUISITION OF LANDS; COSTS.—The Secretary  
10 of the Interior may—

11 (1) acquire lands and interests in lands de-  
12 scribed in subsection (b) by donation; and

13 (2) pay administrative costs of such donations  
14 with appropriated funds.

15 (b) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The lands referred to in  
16 subsection (a) are the approximately 160 acres of land  
17 generally depicted as “Proposed Expansion Tract” on the  
18 map entitled “Yucca House National Monument Proposed  
19 Boundary Addition”, numbered 318/105,085A, and dated  
20 February 27, 2019.

21 (c) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—Upon acquisition of  
22 lands under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary shall adjust  
23 the boundaries of Yucca House National Monument to in-  
24 clude such lands.

1       (d) MAP.—The map referred to in subsection (b)  
2 shall be on file and available for public inspection in ap-  
3 propriate offices of the National Park Service of the De-  
4 partment of the Interior.